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**Appl. No** : 10/005,052  
**Applicant** : Monslave-Gonzalez et al.  
**Filed** : December 4, 2001  
**Title** : Bran and Bran Containing Products of Improved Flavor  
and Methods of Preparation

**TC/A.U.** : 1761  
**Examiner** : L. Tran

**Docket No.** : 5553

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This paper is filed at this time in lieu of an appeal brief. Kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.